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IN REPLY REFER TO:
EPA File No: 17R-00-R9

— Dr. Bruce Anderson, Director
Hawaii Department of Health
P.O. Box 3378
Honolulu, Hawaii 96801

Re: WITHDRAWAL OF COMPLAINT

Dear Director Anderson:

On September 20, 2001, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received, via facsimile, a letter from Planning for Sustainability withdrawing their August 8, 2000, administrative complaint filed with EPA. The complaint alleged violations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000d *et seq.* (Title VI), and EPA's regulations implementing Title VI, at 40 C.F.R. Part 7, by the Hawaii Department of Health and other Hawaii state and local entities. Since the Complainant has withdrawn their complaint, OCR will not accept any of the allegations in their complaint for investigation, and will close its file on this matter.

— If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Yasmin Yorker, of my staff, at (202) 564-7272, by e-mail at yorker.yasmin@epa.gov, or by mail to the U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C., 20460.

Sincerely,


Karen D. Higginbotham
Acting Director

Enclosure

cc: Bonnie Goodell
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August 20, 2001

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Dear Ms. Higginbotham,

This is to notify you that I withdraw my complaint to your department against the Hawaii Drought Plan.

Sincerely,


Bonnie Goodell